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ALL THE TIME

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COMMUNITY DAY  
IS CALLED OFFThe Business Men Appear to  
Be Indifferent About  
Boosting Trade

The committee appointed to solicit funds for carrying out the program arranged for the proposed Community Day, became discouraged Wed. morning after having solicited a majority of the business men for funds. The estimated cost was \$400 and the committee became satisfied that at the rate the subscriptions were coming in, not half that amount could be raised; so they threw up the job and returned the checks they had already received.

John Wannamaker, the merchant prince, said that he was glad to pay out a dollar any time to get two dollars back. But, it appears, there are few men like John Wannamaker in Baxter Springs.

There appears to be a danger that Baxter Springs, by common consent, is going to surrender her rights to the business of the mining district and let it pass through to Joplin.

Over in Galena now the people are deeply engrossed in trying to answer the question: "What is the Matter of Galena?"

Are we going to let Baxter fall into the same condition?

UNCEASING DEMAND  
FOR GOVT. WORKERS

Call This Week Is from Baltimore and Nashville

The work at Baltimore, Md., for which the government has issued a call for Saturday of this week, is on an ordinance depot and cantonment near Baltimore. Carpenters are offered 70c an hour, with time and a half for all over time, bunks free and meals 35c. The call is also for common labor white or colored, at 40c an hour and for mason-tenders at 48 3/4c an hour, both white and colored, experienced. Men must pay their fare to Topeka, Kan., where they must report at 8 o'clock, Saturday morning, but the fare is advanced for them to Baltimore.

Also there is a call for carpenters to go to Nashville, Tenn., on the same day, at 60c an hour, time and a half for overtime and double time on Sundays. There is also a call for Nashville for electricians, installation and armature winders, at 72c an hour; steam fitters and pipe fitters at 72c. Potato pickers and sugar beet field workers at Scott Bluffs, Nebraska, are paid \$5 a day and board.

M. M. Marmon, an honorably discharged soldier, of Baxter, left yesterday to take a position as locomotive fireman on the Katy at Parsons, obtaining the place through the local federal labor director at the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mason were Joplin visitors Tuesday night.

The Misses Ethel Enright and Elsie Horton entertained Wed. night in honor of their cousin, Clarence Cox, who is here from Texas. The house was patriotically decorated. One of the features of entertainment was a penny contest in which Roy Sullivan and Hazel Greer made the best guesses and were awarded the favors. Refreshments were served to the Misses Eva Shaefer, Alma Lewis, Evelyn Pinefield, Nina Greer, Hazel Greer, Audrey Hodges and Florence Enright and Roy Wise, Roy Sullivan, Mit Rosel and Clarence Cox.

A recently patented mask to be held by the teeth and cover a person's mouth is said to be more effectively disguising than one covering the eyes.

Instead of Sept. 26th, as previously announced. The ladies present at this meeting were Mesdames T. H. Puckett and C. M. Halliwell, of Galena; H. H. Stycer and J. H. Myers, of Joplin; Harriet Dowty, Len Newman, J. W. Geok and Miss Vera Rigg of this city.

Mrs. W. R. Scott and Mrs. L. G. Meyerding made a business trip to Joplin Wednesday.

## THE MINING NEWS

## MILL EQUIPMENT

## NOT ESSENTIAL,

## LATEST ORDER

The latest order to the supply houses of the district makes it impossible to sell mill equipment as it has been decided that lead and jack mills are not essential to the prosecution of the war.

This has no reference to mill repairs but to the matter of equipping new mills. If a mill breaks down it is an easy matter to get new parts to repair it but the same parts cannot be purchased for a new mill.

The order will work no hardship on the district as there are good mills to be had over several neighboring fields which can be purchased for a fraction of what a new one is worth. A new mill is not an essential when there are hundreds of old ones that are to be had and an overproduction of ore on the market so "we should worry."

BIG V. MINING COMPANY  
TAKES OVER MINE OF  
THE QUAPAW COMPANY

The Big V. Mining Company, an organization of Anita, Iowa, men, has taken over the property of the Quapaw Mining Company, just across the track from the site of the old Lincolnville depot.

J. C. Voorhees, banker and State senator, is the president of the new company, his son, L. G. Voorhees, is treasurer; his brother, C. S. Voorhees, is vice president and general manager and Otto Weigand, formerly of Anita, but for several months a resident of Quapaw, is secretary.

The ground of the Big V. has been thoroughly opened up, about 300 feet of drift having been cut and the shafts connected. Work will be begun Monday on the 250 ton mill that was almost enclosed and left unfinished several months ago.

On account of the great amount of work that has been done in the ground and the big dumps on top, it will be possible to run the mill to capacity from the time it is completed.

LEAD BOY COMPANY  
OPERATING A PLANT  
IN SUNNYSIDE FIELD

The Lead Boy Mining Company has begun operating the Lead Boy mill at Sunnyside, for the first time since the property came into the possession of the reorganized company.

Since the plant was taken over the mill has been entirely overhauled. Gas engines substituted for steam and a lot of new equipment added. The promotion stock has been squeezed and a lot of other changes made that will tend toward putting the organization on its feet.

The mine, which is a real rich one regardless of the fact that it has not been a paying one heretofore, has been developed into a richer diggings than ever by the prospecting that has been carried on while the mill was down.

MINE DEMONSTRATOR  
NEED OF DISTRICT,  
MINING MEN SAY

It is a belief of a number of the unsuccessful mine operators of this district that there is a great need of a mine demonstrator, a man who will guard the investments of the people whose money is operating here as the mine inspector guards the lives of the men working in the ground, says Frank D. Hills, in the Miami Record-Herald.

It is believed that there is not a mining field in the world where so many men are not practical miners of them are wise enough to lean on are handling mines and while many the men under them, there are many who will not listen to the advice of those who know and are throwing away the money invested in their companies.

Not only is ignorance to be guarded against but in some cases downright dishonesty is being practiced. Men have deliberately quit operating in a section of the mine and gone in to another, where to the greenhorn there appeared to be good stuff but where there was nothing worth while and allowed the whole thing to blow up that a few might redeem the property. Holding companies have been formed and payments made by those richer than the rest so that the property might be taken over and the lit-

tle investors left out entirely and not a tap struck to bring in any money on the property.

Just what steps would have to be taken to get the demonstrator appointed has not been threshed out but it is believed that the state should appoint him and pay him.

As to the kind of man, it would be better to get none unless he be the best to be had. No man who has had unlimited capital at his command would do, as the conditions would call for a pinch hitter, one who is able to get a proposition out of a tight box. He should be strictly honest for the crooks will try to buy him and the pay must be attractive, as the kind of a man who is capable of handling the job as it should be, is employed at a good salary.

The demonstrator should understand finance, and unless he is given the power to delve into the financial matters of the concern as well as into the ground of the mines he would be useless. Fearless should be his first name and persistence his second.

The position of mine demonstrator should pay at least \$10,000 a year but it would be worth that much to the state, in fact some of the companies operating here could afford to pay that much to have their individual mine looked after by that kind of man.

Let's hurry up the appointment of the mine demonstrator.

BETHLEHEM COMPANY  
STRIKES GOOD STUFF  
IN ANOTHER DRIFT

The Bethlehem Zinc Company has brought in a good strike on a new drift that has been cut to the southwest of the main diggings of its mine east of Quapaw.

The new drift is better than any ever taken from the mine heretofore. Samples taken out in the last two or three days show a rich deposit of ore, about one-fourth of the recovery from which will be lead and three-fourths jack.

RICH STRIKE COMPANY  
MAKING GOOD TIME AT  
THE QUAPAW MINE

The Rich Strike Mining Company made up of Shawnee parties, has a shaft down 85 feet on a lease west of the Bethlehem, at Quapaw, in fact the Rich Strike is a part of the original Bethlehem lease.

There are three distinct runs of ore at the Rich Strike, one at 104 feet which extends to 128 feet, one from 145 and one from the 198 to 230 feet.

Martin C. Flemming of Shawnee is president, secretary and treasurer of the Rich Strike and A. O. Baker vice president. D. E. Dion of Commerce, has charge of the work of sinking.

MINERS NEEDED HERE MORE  
THAN IN THE TRENCHES

That it is the patriotic duty of mine workers to apply for deferred classification was the keynote of a speech delivered at White Sulphur Springs, West Va., Sunday, Sept. 15, by James B. Neale, Director of Production of the U. S. Fuel Administration. Mr. Neale spoke at an important meeting of coal operators, mine superintendents and officials of the New River coal fields of West Va., a district which contributes the major share of the 35,000,000 tons of coal used by the Navy.

Greetings to the meeting from Fuel Administrator Harry A. Garfield, who was unable to be present were read. Addresses were made by Governor J. J. Cornell, E. E. White and P. E. Noyes, Director of Conservation of the Fuel Administration.

The speech of J. B. Neale commended the miners and officials for their patriotic efforts to produce more coal. He cited instances of mine officials working on Sunday and congregations of churches working in the mines at night, contributing their earnings to the Red Cross.

Backing his plea by quotations from the proclamation of President Wilson and from utterances by Cardinal Gibbons and other American leaders, Mr. Neale urged that it was as much an obligation for a true American miner to mine coal as it was to work in the trenches. He pointed out that all war material, munitions, guns and shells, depend on coal, and in the face of the great need too much effort could not be expended in bringing coal production up to the requirements of the war needs of the nation.

Speaking of the car supply Mr. Neale said that operators should not ask for more cars than their mines could actually use on any given day and he explained that the new system of car rating inaugurated by the Railroad Administration would provide for

TROUBLES FOR  
BOOZE DEALERSPatronized Themselves Too Freely  
and Fall in Officer's  
Hands

G. Scribner, Noah Johnson and E. Scribner appeared in court Wednesday in the hands of Marshal Henry Horton. They were charged with having liquor in their possession. The men pleaded not guilty and will be tried Saturday.

Marshal Horton found the trio out on the Picher road all so drunk they couldn't drive their car. They had seventeen and a half pints of whiskey still unconsumed. Their home is in Douthat.

Marshal Horton also cleaned up a blind pig down by the river on the Joplin road. He arrested Jno. McKackin, an old offender, and Geo. Dinken, who was with him, and confiscated twelve and a half pints of squirrel juice. McKackin pleaded guilty and got 30 days and \$100. Dinken pleaded not guilty and will be tried Saturday. All the prisoners were taken to Columbus.

Chas. F. Polster has been in St. Louis since Monday buying fall merchandise for the Polster Bros. Dept. store.

## OLD FASHIONED SPELLING BEE

An old fashioned spelling bee will take place in the school house at Neutral next Wednesday evening, September 25th, and the spelling match will be followed by a sack supper. The young people who are getting up the affair extend a cordial invitation to people in Baxter Springs and elsewhere to attend.

MORE MEN CALLED  
Eighteen Men in Replacement Call  
to Entrain for Funston, Sept. 23

Following are the names of those ordered to report to the county board at Columbus in response to replacement call No. 1237 to entrain for Camp Funston Sept. 23rd at 6:47 a. m.

William Leroy Stevens, Baxter. Sandie Ghilino, West Mineral. Charles Brundage, Columbus. James Reid Cole, Baxter. Niles Plummer, Chetopa. Hugh Carr, Faulkner. John Willard Stoner, Columbus. Harry A. Schreyer, West Mineral. Elmer L. Alford, Galena. John William Jarrett, Galena. Perry E. Mooney, Galena. Robert Link, Galena. Alfred D. Sellers, Weir. Leonard Lamendola, Carona. John Maynard Burrows, Springtown, Ark.

Robert Gardner, Carona. Samuel Bert Jones, Galena. Bryan James Foley, Columbus.

In Call No. 1199 Those ordered to report in answer to call No. 1199 to go to Ft. Riley are: John Watson, Scammon. William Thomas Groves, Parsons. Thomas Mitchell, Akron, Ohio. John L. McClerken, Oswego. Alpheus Stoney, Columbus. Roy Francis Thomas, of Weir, is ordered to report Sept. 22 and will leave that night for Jefferson Barracks, Mo., for limited service.

The Epworth League of the M. E. Church had a surprise party for Mr. and Mrs. Griest Wed. night. Music and games furnished the evening's entertainment. After dainty refreshments were served, the members departed declaring they had enjoyed the evening. Those present were: Misses Onie and Donie Rich, Lucile Watkins, Louise Covey, Dorothy Cooke, Grace Opperman, Julia Allen, Thelma Wells, Clover Gaba and Messrs. Hazelton Minshall, Herbert McAboy, Paul Barcus, Virgil Sims, Mr. and Mrs. Orton and Mr. and Mrs. Griest and family.

each mine receiving only, but exactly, the number of cars which its actual performance in mining coal indicated it could load from day to day.

Speaking in high praise for what had been accomplished in the past, the Director of Production yet urged the mine workers and operators to still greater efforts and he pointed out that it has been the task of the Fuel Administration to encourage throughout the mining fields a patriotic spirit, the fruits of which should be exemplified in a spirit of fairness and courtesy to everyone engaged in the coal industry.

## America's War Aims

Open covenants of peace without private understandings. Absolute freedom of the seas in peace or war, except as they may be closed by international action.

Removal of economic barriers and establishment of equality of trade conditions among nations consenting to peace and associating themselves for its maintenance.

Guarantees for the reduction of armaments.

Impartial adjustment of all colonial claims based upon the principle of "home rule."

Evacuation of all Russian territory and opportunity for Russia's political development.

Evacuation of Belgium and reparation without any attempt to limit her sovereignty.

All French territory to be freed and restored, and Alsace-Lorraine restored.

Readjustment of Italy's frontiers along lines of nationality.

Freest opportunity for autonomous development of the peoples of Austria-Hungary.

Evacuation of Roumania, Serbia and Montenegro. Access to the sea for Serbia. International guarantee of economic and political independence and territorial integrity of the Balkan states.

Secure sovereignty for Turkish portion of the Ottoman Empire. Other nationalities under Turkish rule to be assured security of life and opportunity for autonomous development. The Dardanelles to be permanently opened to all nations.

Establishment of an independent Polish state, including territories inhabited by indisputably Polish populations with free access to the sea and political and economic independence and territorial integrity guaranteed by international covenant.

Establishment of a league of nations to preserve peace.—President Wilson's peace formula outlined to Congress January 18, 1918.

(In addition to the fourteen peace terms outlined by President Wilson in January, recognition is now demanded by the United States of the Czech-Slovaks as an independent nation.)

W. E. ROGERS  
GETS HUN WHO  
WOUNDED HIMMakes Good Germans Out of Nine  
Huns After He Lost His  
Trigger Finger

J. A. Rogers, living on Route 2, Baxter Springs, has received word from his son, Wm. E. Rogers, that he is in a hospital in France after stopping a Hun bullet in his right hand.

Although badly wounded the boy shot the German who had hit him and then to make the score even killed eight more of the enemy before being taken to the rear for treatment. He is anxious to get back in the line and declares that when his hand heals he will be able to take care of several more of the enemy.

He enlisted about a year ago and has been in France for some time. He has a brother in the service and another at home who is waiting until needed.

TROOP TRAIN WRECK  
BY GERMAN AGENTS

Springfield, Mo., Sept. 19.—That German agents may have been responsible for the wreck of the troop train at Marshfield, Mo., Tuesday night, is the theory of the investigators. The fact that the block system appears to have been tampered with indicates this. Twenty of the injured are still critically ill.

Chinese railroad embankments are protected from floods by planting them with a native grass with tenacious roots that resist erosion.

## WIDE AWAKE

Turn in your enrollment this week with:

Miss Brugger,  
Empire Electric Office  
Mrs. Phillips  
at Everest Cafe  
or Mrs. Roper  
at Globe Office

and get charter member rate on your scholarship.

Regular rates will be charged after school opens.

Mesdames Paul Mason, W. S. Muddock, V. C. Laird and A. R. Kane were the charming hostesses at a card party given Wed. night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Kane on East avenue and Eleventh street for the benefit of St. Joseph church. The house was beautifully decorated with the National colors and flowers. Between forty and fifty guests were present. Among those from out of town were Father Gorman, Mrs. Mary Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. John Muddock, Mr. and Mrs. Damerath, Mr. and Mrs. McClary, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. M. Fickett, of Galena.

An English inventor's soft collar for men or women has loops under the end through which to pass a necktie to draw the ends together.

GRACE WALKER  
MILL STRUCK  
BY LIGHTNINGThe Structure Is Entirely Destroyed  
In Yesterday Morning's  
Storm

The Grace Walker mill near St. Louis was burned to the ground at an early hour yesterday. The mill and contents being totally destroyed.

Shortly after one o'clock a bolt of lightning struck the power wires leading to the mill and almost instantly the structure was wrapped in flames.

The night engineer was slightly stunned by the shock but gave the alarm, the fire, however, was beyond control.

The mill was owned by the Commerce Mining and Royalty Company, of Miami, and was of about 300 ton capacity. The loss will be in the neighborhood of \$100,000, partly covered by insurance.

The Acme Mill No. 1 had a narrow escape from the fate of the Grace Walker, the lightning burning the wire to within a short distance of the building.

While the owners or N. L. Daner, superintendent of the destroyed mill, could not be reached yesterday, it is understood that the company will rebuild as they operate several other properties in the same field and the Grace Walker has had a big output.

WOULDN'T HELP HUSBAND  
EVADE THE DRAFT LAWMrs. Jim Nelson Says Husband  
Knocked Her Down Stairs  
When She Refused

Jim Nelson objects to being made a target for Hun guns and decided he didn't want to visit France anyhow. Because his wife refused to aid him in his claim that he was her sole support he became enraged and, according to her story, abused her and knocked her down stairs.

Mrs. Jim is one-eighth Cherokee and inherited quite a lot of property and she claims it is her money that paid for the high cost of living and that Mr. Jim has never contributed to the family expense fund.

The couple live at Quapaw and after a particular lively scene at home the wife went to Joplin where the husband continued his demands that she save him from Uncle Sam's draft by swearing that he was her only support. When she refused, her husband, she alleges, attacked her and badly beat her, ending by knocking her down stairs. She came to Baxter Springs Tuesday and has since been under the care of a physician at the Hotel Baxter and is in a critical condition.

Patents cover a new iron fence post which has prongs at the bottom that spread and anchor it firmly when it is driven into the ground.